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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT PARA 2A)

E.O. 11652: XGDS 2-3
TAGS: PDEV, RH, UK, TZ
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: TALKING POINTS FOR FRONT LINE AND NIGERIA

REF: STATE 049706

1. TALKING POINTS SET FORTH REFTEL STRIKE US HERE AS EXTRA-
ORDINARILY ADEPT EFFORT WHICH LIKELY BE VIABLE IN DISCUSSIONS
WITH NYERERE.

2. WE OFFER ONLY TWO ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS:

A. WOULD IT BE USEFUL TO RESTATE OUR "MINIMUM ESSENTIALS",
TO WHICH WE SAY IN TICK SEVEN THAT PF WILL NOT AGREE. WE MIGHT
THUS FIND OUT WHETHER FL IS PREPARED PRESS THESE ON PF; AND

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B. IN INTEREST OF MEETING FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA'S POINT
(DAR ES SALAAM 0812, WHICH WE ARE SURE REPRESENTS NYERERE'S
VIEW) THAT FOCUS SHOULD NOT SHIFT FROM AA PLAN TO SALISBURY,
COULD WE INDICATE OUR CONTINUED READINESS, IF PF WILL BE FORTH-
COMING, TO TRY TO DRAW SALISBURY INTO SUBSEQUENT ALL PARTIES
DISCUSSION UNDER AEGIS AA PLAN?

3. SILK PURSE THAT REFTEL MAKES OUT OF SOWS' EARS OFFERED BY OWEN IN LONDON TALKS REMOVES MY EARLIER CONCERNS ABOUT JOINT US-UK APPROACH HERE. JUDGING FROM PAST HISTORY, HOWEVER, SUCH APPROACH MAY WELL BE FOLLOWED BY NYERERE'S CALLING ME IN FOR SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE US-TANZANIAN CONSULTATION. RELEVANT TO THIS MAY BCGC (A) NYERERE'S LONGSTANDING VIEW THAT US POSITION SHOULD BE "TO KEEP BRITISH ON COURSE" RATHER THAN WALKING WITH THEM DOWN WHATEVER ROAD THEY EMBARKED ON, AND (B) PF RESERVATIONS ON US ROLE AS RESTATED STRONGLY IN ITS FEBRUARY 25 MAPUTO STATEMENT.

4. I DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEM IN HANDLING THIS, IF WE ARE ABLE IN FINAL VERSION TO HOLD TO TALKING POINTS PROPOSED IN SECRETARY'S LETTER TO OWEN. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT MIGHT ALSO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO WHAT, IF ANYTHING, IT MIGHT WANT ME TO ADD, SHOULD SUCH A SECOND, PRIVATE US-TANZANIAN EXCHANGE TAKE PLACE.
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